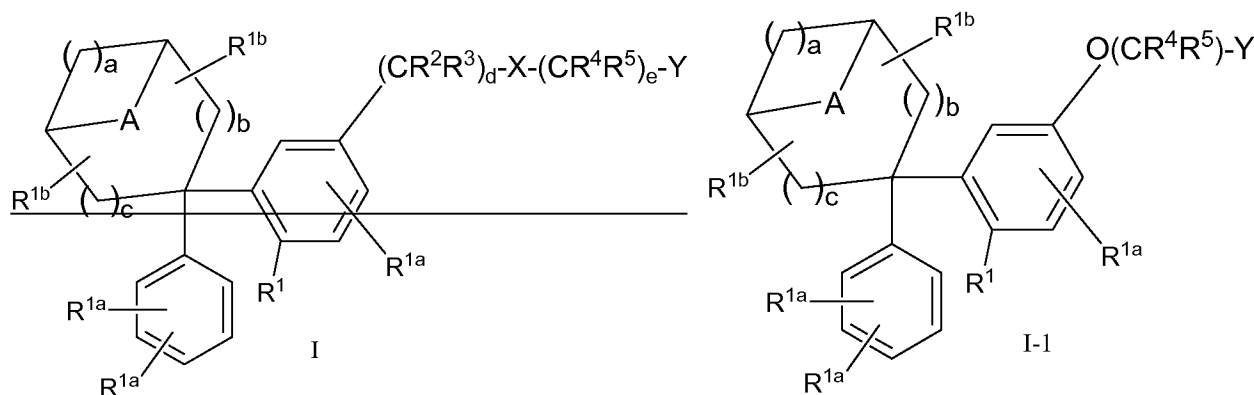


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. **(currently amended)** A compound represented by formula I-1:



and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts, ~~and esters and solvates~~ thereof wherein:

“a” is an integer selected from 1, 2 and 3; and b and c are each integers independently selected from 0, 1 and 2;

“A” represents a methylene or ethylene group;

each R^{1a} is independently selected from the group consisting of: -H, -F, -Cl, -Br, -C₁₋₆alkyl, -CN, -OH, -OC₁₋₆ alkyl, -fluoroC₁₋₆ alkyl, -fluoroC₁₋₆ alkoxy, -N(R^a)₂, -C₁₋₆alkylN(R^a)₂, -NHC(O)C₁₋₄alkyl, -C(O)NHC₁₋₄alkyl and -C(O)N(C₁₋₄alkyl)₂;

each R^{1b} is independently selected from the group consisting of: -H, -F, -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -OH, -OC₁₋₆ alkyl, -fluoroC₁₋₆alkyl, -fluoroC₁₋₆alkoxy, -N(R^a)₂ and -C₁₋₆alkylN(R^a), or one R^{1b} group can represent oxo and the other is as previously defined;

R¹ represents -H or is selected from the group consisting of:

a) halo, -OH, -CO₂R^a, -C(O)NR^aR^b, ~~-C(O)-Hetey¹~~, -N(R^a)₂, -S(O)₂NR^aR^b, -NO₂, -SO₂NR^bC(O)R^a, -NR^bSO₂R^a, -NR^bC(O)R^a, -C(O)SO₂NR^aR^b, -NR^bC(O)NR^aR^b, -NR^bCO₂R^a, -OC(O)NR^aR^b, -C(O)NR^bNR^aR^b, -CN, -S(O)_pR^a and -OSO₂R^a,

b) -C₁₋₁₀alkyl, -C₂₋₁₀alkenyl, -C₂₋₁₀alkynyl, -OC₁₋₁₀alkyl, -OC₃₋₁₀alkenyl and -OC₃₋₁₀alkynyl, said groups being optionally substituted with: -OH, -CO₂R^a, -C(O)NR^aR^b, -C(O)N(R^a)C₁₋₆alkenyl, -C(O)N(R^a)C₁₋₆alkynyl, ~~-C(O)-Hetey¹~~, -N(R^a)₂, -S(O)₂NR^aR^b, -SO₂NR^bC(O)R^a, -NR^bSO₂R^a, -NR^bC(O)R^a, -C(O)SO₂NR^aR^b, -NR^bC(O)NR^aR^b, -NR^bCO₂R^a,

~~-OC(O)NR^aR^b, -C(O)NR^bNR^aR^b, -S(O)_pR^a, Aryl, HAR, Hetey¹, and up to 5 fluoro groups, wherein Hetey¹ is selected from azetidiny, pyrrolidiny, piperidiny, piperaziny, morpholiny and γ lactam;~~

c) Aryl or HAR optionally substituted with 1-2 members selected from the group consisting of: -F, -Cl, -Br, -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, -CN, -OH, -OC₁₋₆ alkyl, -fluoroC₁₋₆ alkyl, -fluoroC₁₋₆alkoxy, -NH₂, -NHC₁₋₄alkyl, -N(C₁₋₄alkyl)₂, -C₁₋₆alkylNH₂, -C₁₋₆alkyl-NHC₁₋₄alkyl, -C₁₋₆alkylN(C₁₋₄alkyl)₂, -C₁₋₆alkyl-CN, -NHC(O)C₁₋₄alkyl, -C(O)NHC₁₋₄alkyl and -C(O)N(C₁₋₄alkyl)₂;

~~“d” and “e” are each integers independently selected from 0, 1, 2 and 3, such that the sum of d plus e is 1-6;~~

each p independently represents an integer selected from 0, 1 and 2;

~~X represents a bond, or is selected from the group consisting of O, S(O)_p and NR^a;~~

R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are each independently selected from the group consisting of -H, -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -OC₁₋₆alkyl, -OH, -fluoro, -fluoroC₁₋₆alkyl, -fluoroC₁₋₆alkoxy, -N(R^a)₂, and

~~0-1 of CR²R³ and 0-1 of CR⁴R⁵ can represent a group selected from carbonyl, thiocarbonyl, C=NR^a and a 3-7 membered cycloalkyl ring,~~

~~provided that when X represents S(O)_p, and p is 1 or 2, the CR²R³ and CR⁴R⁵ groups adjacent to X represent moieties other than carbonyl, thiocarbonyl and C=NR^a and~~

~~further provided that when X is O or NR^a, at least one of CR²R³ and CR⁴R⁵ adjacent to X represents a moiety other than carbonyl, thiocarbonyl and C=NR^a;~~

~~Y is selected from the group consisting of Aryl, HAR and Hetey, wherein each is optionally mono-substituted or di-substituted with R^{1a} quinolinyl;~~

each R^a is independently selected from the group consisting of -H and :

(a) -C₁₋₁₀alkyl, -C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, -C₃₋₁₀alkenyl, or -C₃₋₁₀alkynyl, optionally substituted with 1-3 fluoro groups or 1-2 members selected from the group consisting of: -OH, -OC₁₋₆alkyl, -CN, -NH₂, -NHC₁₋₄alkyl, and -N(C₁₋₄alkyl)₂;

(b) Aryl or Ar-C₁₋₆alkyl-, the aryl portions being optionally substituted with 1-2 of -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -CN, -OH, -OC₁₋₆ alkyl, -fluoroC₁₋₆ alkyl, -fluoroC₁₋₆ alkoxy, -C₁₋₆alkylNH₂, -C₁₋₆alkylNHC₁₋₄alkyl, -C₁₋₆alkylN(C₁₋₄alkyl)₂, -NH₂, -NHC₁₋₄alkyl, -N(C₁₋₄alkyl)₂, -NHC(O)C₁₋₄alkyl, -C(O)NHC₁₋₄alkyl, -C(O)N(C₁₋₄alkyl)₂, -CO₂H and -CO₂C₁₋₆alkyl groups, and 1-3 -F, -Cl or -Br groups;

and the alkyl portion of Ar-C₁₋₆alkyl- being optionally substituted with -OH, -OC₁₋₆alkyl, -NH₂, -NHC₁₋₄alkyl, -N(C₁₋₄alkyl)₂, and 1-3 fluoro groups;

~~(c) Hetey or Hetey-C₁₋₆alkyl-, each being optionally substituted on carbon with 1-2 members selected from the group consisting of: F, OH, CO₂H, C₁₋₆alkyl, CO₂C₁₋₆alkyl, OC₁₋~~

~~alkyl, NH₂, NHC₁₋₄alkyl, N(C₁₋₄alkyl)₂, NHC(O)C₁₋₄alkyl, oxo, C(O)NHC₁₋₄alkyl and C(O)N(C₁₋₄alkyl)₂; and optionally substituted on nitrogen when present with -C₁₋₆alkyl or -C₁₋₆acyl; and~~

~~the alkyl portion of Hetey-C₁₋₆alkyl being optionally substituted with 1-2 of: F, OH, -OC₁₋₆alkyl, NH₂, NHC₁₋₄alkyl and N(C₁₋₄alkyl)₂;~~

~~(d) HAR or HAR-C₁₋₆alkyl, said HAR and HAR portion of HAR-C₁₋₆alkyl being substituted with 1-2 members selected from the group consisting of: F, Cl, Br, -C₁₋₆alkyl, CN, OH, -OC₁₋₆alkyl, fluoroC₁₋₆alkyl, fluoroC₁₋₆alkoxy NH₂, NHC₁₋₄alkyl, N(C₁₋₄alkyl)₂, NHC(O)C₁₋₄alkyl, C(O)NHC₁₋₄alkyl, C(O)N(C₁₋₄alkyl)₂, CO₂H, CO₂C₁₋₆alkyl; and~~

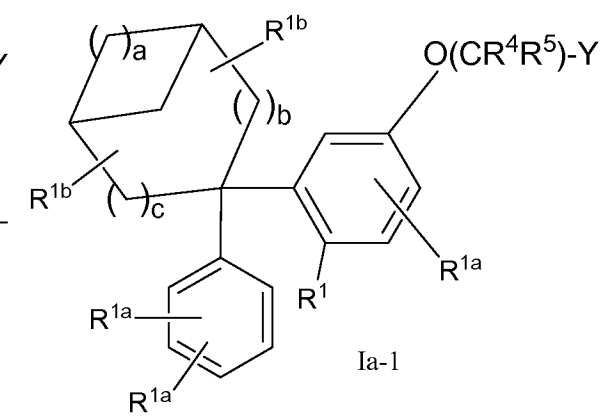
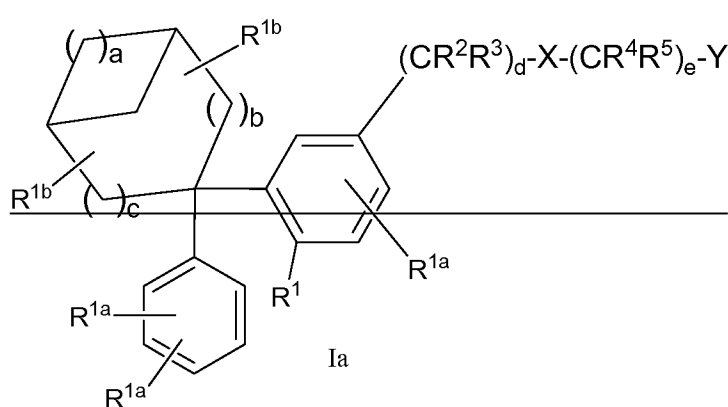
~~the alkyl portion of HAR-C₁₋₆alkyl being optionally substituted with 1-2 of: F, OH, -OC₁₋₆alkyl, NH₂, NHC₁₋₄alkyl and N(C₁₋₄alkyl)₂;~~

each R^b is independently selected from the group consisting of: -H, -NH₂, and -

C₁₋₁₀alkyl optionally substituted with members selected from the group consisting of 1-3 fluoro groups and 1-2 of -OH, -OC₁₋₆alkyl, -NH₂, -NHC₁₋₄alkyl and -N(C₁₋₄alkyl)₂;

and when present in the same moiety, (a) R^a and R^b, (b) two R^a groups or (c) two R^b groups can be taken in combination with the atom or atoms to which they are attached and any intervening atoms and represent a 4-7 membered ring containing 0-3 heteroatoms selected from O, S(O)_p and N, and the 4-7 membered ring may be optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of -C₁₋₆alkyl, -C₂₋₆acyl and oxo.

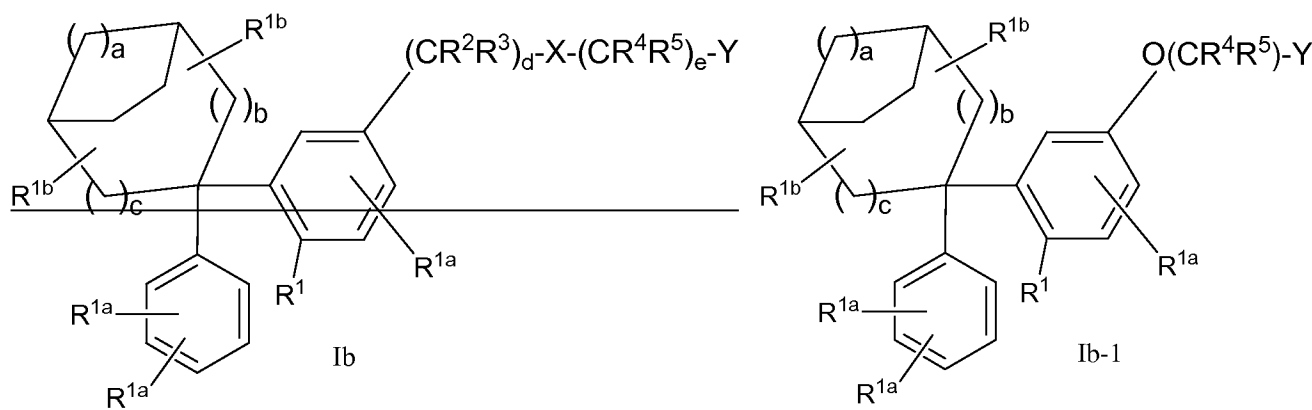
2. (currently amended) The compound of claim 1 of structural formula Ia-1:



and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts, ~~and esters and solvates~~ thereof, wherein "a" is an integer selected from 1, 2 and 3; and b and c are each integers independently selected from 0, 1 and 2; provided that the sum of "a" + b + c is from 1 to 5.

3. (canceled)

4. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 1 of structural formula Ib-1:



and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts, ~~and~~ and esters ~~and solvates~~ thereof wherein: “a” is an integer selected from 2 and 3; and b and c are integers independently selected from 0 and 1; provided that the sum of “a” + b + c is from 2 to 4.

5. **(original)** The compound of claim 4 wherein “a” is 2, and b and c are integers selected from 0 and 1.

6. **(canceled)**

7. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 1 wherein of the three R^{1a} groups shown in the generic structural drawing of formula I-1, two R^{1a} groups represent -H and one R^{1a} group is selected from the group consisting of: -F, -Cl, -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -CN, -OC₁₋₆ alkyl, -fluoroC₁₋₆ alkyl, -fluoroC₁₋₆alkoxy, -N(R^a)₂, -C₁₋₆alkylN(R^a)₂, -NHC(O)C₁₋₄alkyl, -C(O)NHC₁₋₄alkyl and -C(O)N(C₁₋₄alkyl)₂.

8. **(canceled)**

9. **(previously presented)** The compound of claim 1 wherein both R^{1b} groups represent -H.

10. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 1 wherein R¹ represents a member selected from the group consisting of:

a) $-C(O)NR^aR^b$, ~~$-C(O)Hetey^1$~~ , $-N(R^a)_2$, $-S(O)_2NR^aR^b$, $-SO_2NR^bC(O)R^a$, $-NR^bSO_2R^a$, $-NR^bC(O)R^a$, $-CN$, $-S(O)_pR^a$ and $-OSO_2R^a$; and

b) $-C_{1-10}alkyl$, $-C_{3-6}alkenyl$, $-C_{3-6}alkynyl$, $-OC_{1-10}alkyl$, $-OC_{3-6}alkenyl$ and $-OC_{3-10}alkynyl$, said groups being optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of: $-CO_2R^a$, $-C(O)NR^aR^b$, $-C(O)N(R^a)C_{1-6}alkenyl$, $-C(O)N(R^a)C_{1-6}alkynyl$, ~~$-C(O)Hetey^1$~~ , $-N(R^a)_2$, $-S(O)_2NR^aR^b$, $-SO_2NR^bC(O)R^a$, $-NR^bSO_2R^a$, $NR^bC(O)R^a$, $-S(O)_pR^a$, Aryl, ~~HAR~~, ~~Hetey¹~~, and up to 5 fluoro groups; and

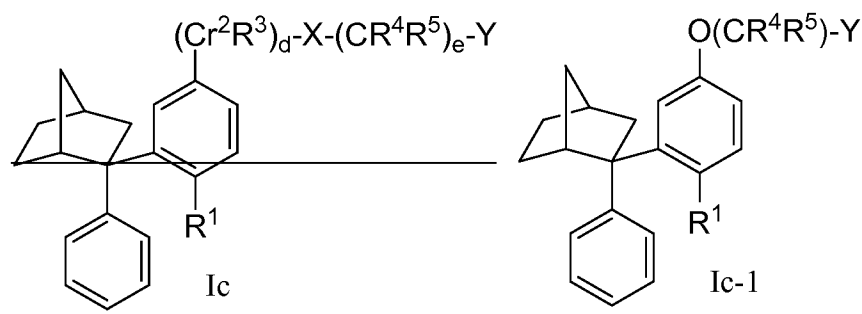
~~c) HAR optionally substituted with 1-2 members selected from the group consisting of: F, Cl, Br, $C_{1-6}alkyl$, CN, OH, $OC_{1-6}alkyl$, fluoro $C_{1-6}alkyl$, fluoro $C_{1-6}alkoxy$, NH_2 , $NHC_{1-4}alkyl$, $N(C_{1-4}alkyl)_2$, $C_{1-6}alkylNH_2$, $C_{1-6}alkylNHC_{1-4}alkyl$, $C_{1-6}alkylN(C_{1-4}alkyl)_2$, $C_{1-6}alkylCN$, $NHC(O)C_{1-4}alkyl$, $C(O)NHC_{1-4}alkyl$ and $C(O)N(C_{1-4}alkyl)_2$.~~

11 - 13. (canceled)

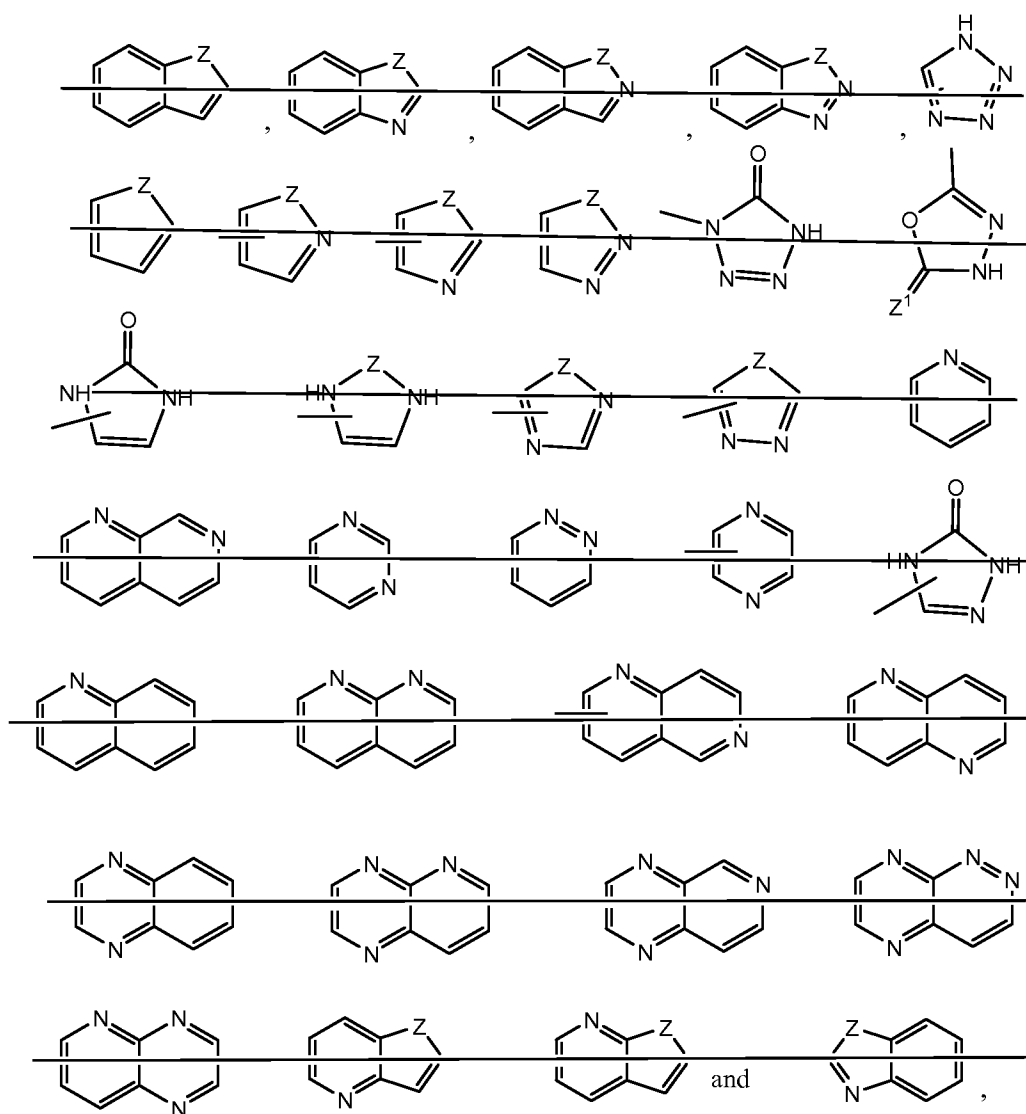
14. (currently amended) The compound of claim 1 wherein ~~$-(CR^2R^3)_d-X-C(R^4R^5)_e-$~~ ~~$-(CR^4R^5)-$~~ represents a member selected from the group consisting of ~~$-CH_2-$~~ , ~~$-O-CH_2-$~~ and ~~$-CH_2CH_2-$~~ .

15 - 20. (canceled)

21. (currently amended) The compound of claim 1 of structural formula Ic-1:



wherein ~~d is 0 (zero)~~; e is 1; X is ~~O~~; R^4 and R^5 are both $-H$; ~~Y is selected from the group consisting of~~



wherein Z is selected from the group consisting of O, S and NH; and Z^+ is selected from the group consisting of O and S;

R¹ is selected from the group consisting of:

a) $-OC(O)NR^aR^b$, and $-C(O)NR^aR^b$; and

b) C₁₋₃alkyl substituted with a member selected from: $-C(O)-NR^aR^b$ and

$-C(O)-Hetey^+$;

and c) HAR optionally substituted with 1-2 members selected from the group consisting of: F, Cl, C₁₋₆alkyl, CN, OH, OC₁₋₆alkyl, fluoroC₁₋₆alkyl, fluoroC₁₋₆alkoxy, NH₂, NHC₁₋₄alkyl, N(C₁₋₄alkyl)₂, C₁₋₆alkylNH₂, C₁₋₆alkylNHC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylN(C₁₋₄alkyl)₂, C₁₋₆alkylCN, NHC(O)C₁₋₄alkyl, C(O)NHC₁₋₄alkyl and C(O)N(C₁₋₄alkyl)₂.

22 - 23. **(canceled)**

24. **(original)** A pharmaceutical composition comprised of a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

25. **(canceled)**

26. **(original)** A method for treating a leukotriene-mediated medical condition comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1 to a patient in need of such treatment.

27. **(canceled)**

28. **(previously presented)** The method of Claim 26 wherein said leukotriene-mediated medical condition is atherosclerosis.

29 - 31. **(canceled)**

32. **(original)** A method of preventing or reducing the risk for a leukotriene-mediated medical condition comprising administering a prophylactically effective amount of a compound of claim 1 to a patient in need of such treatment.

33. **(canceled)**

34. **(previously presented)** The method of Claim 32 wherein said leukotriene-mediated medical condition is an atherosclerotic disease event.

35. **(original)** The method of treating atherosclerosis of claim 28 further comprising administering to the patient a compound selected from the group consisting of an HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor, cholesterol absorption inhibitor, CETP inhibitor, PPAR γ agonist, PPAR α agonist, PPAR dual α/γ agonist, and combinations thereof.

36. **(previously presented)** The method of Claim 26 wherein said leukotriene-mediated medical condition is selected from asthma, allergies, allergic conditions and COPD.